



Hosta Happenings

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M.V.H.S. MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2012

2:00 P.M.

(Daylight Savings Time starts today)

Riverdale Fire Station

(across from ALCOA)

Program:
Vera Blevins

speaking on

Bats in the Heartland

2012 DUES ARE NOW DUE!!!

IF YOU GET YOUR NEWSLETTER BY THE U.S. MAIL, LOOK AT YOUR MAILING LABEL, IF IT HAS AN "11" BEFORE YOUR NAME, YOUR DUES ARE DUE FOR 2012.

EMAIL REMINDER MESSAGES WERE SENT OUT TO THOSE OF YOU WHO GET THE EMAIL NEWSLETTER.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK FOR \$14 FOR TWO YEARS, OR \$7 FOR ONE YEAR TO THE TREASURER,
JIM CATO
12915 25TH ST. CT.,
MILAN, IL 61264.

2012 HOSTA FINDER

Jim Cato is now taking orders for the 2012 Hosta Finder. It will cost \$14.00 this year and if you want it mailed to you, it will cost \$16.00. The books are here so no waiting for your book!!!

To pre-order, please send a check made out to MVHS to Jim at 12915 - 25th St. Ct., Milan, IL 61264. His email is:

pussbug@aol.com

The Hosta Finder is a wonderful reference and is a comparison of prices of hostas being offered from approximately 50 growers.

SOLBERG HOSTA OFFERING

We are again offering Solberg Hostas at a great price--we've added only \$1 each to cover shipping costs. This is one of the benefits of your membership in MVHS.

MARCH 17th IS THE DUE DATE FOR ORDERING!

We will announce pick up date and place at a later date.

Be sure to take advantage of this great offer.

HELP NEEDED!!!!!!

Don Musak has decided it is time to back off some of his activities and will no longer be Program Chair for MVHS. This leaves a big void and I've decided to break up the responsibilities of the Program Committee chair into smaller doable committee functions and we still are in need for the following committee chair:

PROGRAM: The March program is set but Programs and/or speakers will be needed for October and November.

I really need your help! We need someone to step up and help out with this project. If you can help, please give me a call on 355-6973 or my email is: corton02@gmail.com.

I'd like to thank Don for all of his hard work over the last few years. He did a terrific job and his organization will really be missed.

Carolyn

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**FLUFF AND BUFF AT VANDERVEER**

Put April 21, 10 am, on your calendar!!! It is our annual Fluff and Buff at the Hosta Glade in VanderVeer Botanical Park.

We have seven hosta gardens to clean up and get ready for the new season!! We'll need a lot of help! "Many hands make light work!"

So, bring your gloves, rake and something to dig weeds with!!

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HOSTA SOCIETY - SOLBERG CLUB PLANTS  
2012 ORDER FORM**

Please remember all plants will be bare root. Pick up date and place will be announced later.  
DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS MARCH 17, 2012. Send your form along with your check (made payable to MVHS) to: Dean Piatt, 2910 Telegraph Rd., Davenport, Iowa 52804, 323-8184.  
email: [ima\\_4t9erdpi@machlink.com](mailto:ima_4t9erdpi@machlink.com).

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'HONEY PIE' (Solberg 2012) (Medium to Large) ('September Sun' x H. *plantaginea*) Mix the classic gold color of 'August Moon', its leaf substance and some of its puckering, with the growth rate and fragrant flowers of the "August Lily" and you have a uniquely pleasing combination. This has fragrant lavender flowers. ( ) x \$36 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'BAILEY'S CREAM' (Beilstein 2009) (Medium) ('Sea Prize' x 'Blue Angel') This hosta has clean pure white margins and Irish green centers to its not quite round, shiny leaves. Nice lavender flowers in mid-summer. ( ) x \$7 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'BLUE TOOTH' (D. and M. Beilstein 2011) (Large) ('June' x 'Azure Snow') This hosta has long, narrow leaves with lots of veins. It also has light lavender Bird of Paradise-like flowers in August. Large symmetric mound. ( ) x \$13 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'CANDY DISH' (Summers, Wrede 2003) (Medium) ('Urajiro Hachijo') This hosta has heavy substance and dark green leaves with a deeply ruffled margin to a broad heart-shaped leaf with purple petioles. Pretty lavender flowers top off this dense, flat mound in August and September. ( ) x \$11 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'CRUMB CAKE' (Solberg 2008) (Small) ('Cinnamon Sticks' x 'Cracker Crumbs') Rapid growing, makes a very tight flat mound of honey-gold leaves with mahogany petioles that are shiny, wonderfully wavy, has very good substance. ( ) x \$9 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'CUP OF GRACE' (Beilstein 2009) (Medium) (('Halcyon' x 'Breeder's Choice' op. seedling) Very dark green leaves with white flowers. Very upright habit and highly cupped leaves. This hosta is very well proportioned and exhibits classic grace. ( ) x \$7 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'CURLY FRIES' (Solberg 2008) (Small) ('Pineapple Upsidedown Cake' seedling) Agave-looking leaves are stiff. Best grown in half a day of sun, its highly ruffled narrow leaves emerge yellow and then fade to near white. The scape is deep purple, topped with lavender flowers. Makes a great container plant. ( ) x \$14 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'LEMON ICE' (Solberg 2011) (Medium) (H. *clausa normalis* F2 seedling x 'Strawberry Banana Smoothie') Bright yellow leaves with bright red petioles and scapes. Keeps its yellow color very well and will be better in the shade garden as too much light will bleach it white. Nice purple flowers in July. ( ) x \$14 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(continued) - SOLBERG CLUB PLANTS - ORDER FORM

'SMILEY FACE' (Solberg 2011) (Small) (H. *clausa normalis* F2 seedling x 'Strawberry Banana Smoothie') Cute round leaves that are full of personality and a unique rich yellow color. Pink petioles and heavy substance and makes a small tight mound. Red scapes and rich purple flowers with reddish tubes in July.  
( ) x \$16 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'SUMMER SQUALL' (Solberg 2007) (Medium) (H. 'sieboldiana x 'One Man's Treasure' F2 seedling) Rich blue color and nicely folded leaves. Makes a strong statement in garden, good substance and sturdy leaves. 3' scapes of light lavender flowers in mid-summer.  
( ) x \$9 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'TONGUE TWISTER' (Solberg 2008) (Small) ('Iwa' x 'Blue Blush' o.p.) Dark green leaves that twist upward out of clump, looks as fresh in October as it does in May. Great substance, rich color. Light purple scapes produce light lavender flowers in September and light purple pods in October.  
( ) x \$9 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'WHITE ELEPHANT' (Franks 2007) (Large) (Sport of 'White Christmas') Large, fast growing. Large, bright white leaves with narrow dark green margin have lighter green streaks sandwiched in between. Light lavender flowers in July. Appreciates morning sun and ample water.  
( ) x \$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

'WINTER SNOW' (Winterberry Farms and J. Anderson 2003) (Huge) (Sport of 'Sum and Substance') Makes a huge spreading mound of round 20" chartreuse leaves that have wavy white margins that are consistently evenly wide. Tall scapes and lavender flowers in July that generally need early pruning.  
( ) x \$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A GREAT PLACE TO USE YOUR HOSTA BUCKS!!!!



'Honey Pie'



'Blue Tooth'



'Bailey's Cream'



'Candy Dish'



'Crumb Cake'



'Cup of Grace'



'Curly Fries'



'Lemon Ice'



'Smiley Face'



'Summer Squall'



'Tongue Twister'



'White Elephant'



'Winter Snow'

# 2012 MRHS Convention - "Operation Hosta"

2012 Midwest Regional Hosta Convention Registration Form  
July 12-14, 2012, Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, Rochester, Minnesota  
Hosted by: Shades of Green Hosta Society of Southeast MN, Inc.

To register, mail one completed registration form per person.  
Include check payable to "SOGHS/2012 MRHS Convention" or you can pay online with a credit card (additional \$5 convenience fee) at: [www.soghs.org/2012mrhsconvention/](http://www.soghs.org/2012mrhsconvention/)  
**REFUND POLICY: NO Refunds will be made after June 9.** Make a copy of this form for your records.

Name (as you want on your badge) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL: Ramada Hotel and Convention Center**  
1517 16<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Rochester, MN 55902  
For reservations call (507) 289-8866 or Toll Free 800-552-7224. Mention MRHS Convention for convention room rate (\$109 pool side, \$99 other, plus tax) through 06/11/2012. Rate not available on-line.

Publish my name in Convention  
Attendee list? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

\*Confirmation will be sent by e-mail only. For questions email [prestonplants@aol.com](mailto:prestonplants@aol.com).

**Meals include:** Friday Evening Buffet, Saturday Tour Box Lunch, and Saturday Evening Banquet  
Saturday Evening Banquet choice:  Chicken  Walleye  Vegetarian  
 I request all vegetarian meals  I request gluten free meals

I will donate plants or items for the Friday night auction. Approximate number \_\_\_\_\_  
Auction proceeds go to MRHS. Please support MRHS with a donation!!

**HOSTA LEAF SHOW** – Preparation time Thursday 7/12/12: Noon – 5, 7-10 pm and Friday 7-10:30 am  
Check if you plan to:  Enter (Limit 20 leaves per exhibitor)  Judge  Clerk  
Judging will begin Friday, July 13, at 12 Noon Check below if you plan to enter:  
\_\_\_\_ Cut Leaf (limit 20 entries) \_\_\_\_\_ Trough Container for Effect  
\_\_\_\_ Container Grown \_\_\_\_\_ Educational Display  
\_\_\_\_ Artistic Design \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Competitive Exhibit

## Judges Clinic I, Friday, July 13, 2012, 8:00 -11:00 am

I will attend Judges Clinic I  
A current **Judges Handbook** is required. You may download the free Judges Handbook at [www.hosta.org](http://www.hosta.org).  
 Check here if you want to purchase the official handbook/binder at the clinic (\$10.00 payable at convention).

Please select  
 \$135.00 – Early Full Registration (before June 7, 2012)  
 \$150.00 – Late Full Registration (after June 7, 2012)

Full Convention Registration: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Thursday Garden Picnic: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send form and check to:  
Mona Keehn, Convention Treasurer  
1635 Chippewa Drive NW  
Rochester, MN 55901  
[soghscon@gmail.com](mailto:soghscon@gmail.com)

**OPTIONAL GARDEN PICNIC, THURSDAY, JULY 12, 6-8 PM**  
At Camp Creek Farm (Cindy and Mike Tomashek) near Preston, MN, in the heart of southeast Minnesota bluff country; includes busing, BBQ picnic, hosta gardens and renovated barn.

\$15.00/person

Check payable to:  
SOGHS/2012 MRHS CONVENTION  
 \*Paid online with credit card  
\***must mail or email registration form**

## **Sunday, February 19 -- Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was brought to order by President Carolyn Hamilton.

**Treasurer's Report** - Jim Cato gave a his report and informed the membership that he has four Hosta Finders remaining for sale.

**Old Business** - Hosta Bucks are pink this year. Your 2010 Blue Hosta Bucks are no longer usable.

**New Business** - The Solberg Hosta Order will be organized by Dean Piatt this year. All orders are due to him by March 17. Order forms can be found in the February Newsletter. Dean's email address is: [ima.4t9erdpi@gmail.com](mailto:ima.4t9erdpi@gmail.com)

Carolyn informed us of Don Musak's resignation of his position as Program Chair. We all thank Don for the wonderful job he has done for the MVHS. His organization of the bus trips and speakers has greatly enriched and educated many of our membership and his efforts will be sorely missed . So, ladies and gentlemen, we are looking for interested individuals who would find this position a rewarding and enlightening adventure. There are numerous projects that need leadership and we are hoping someone in our membership would be willing to take on this responsibility. Please contact Carolyn Hamilton if you think this is something you would enjoy doing. The MVHS is looking forward to hearing from you.

Some Projects are:

**Programs/speakers** for October and November

**Fall Education Program** - Finalize the speaker and arrange for the talk

**June Hosta Walk** - Find approximately three gardens and a place to have our Happy Hour

**Bus Trip** - Plans have started for a trip to Champagne, IL - We need someone to finalize what has been started. Get a date from MaryAnn Metz, get a bus, take reservations, etc.

### **REMINDERS:**

**Fluff and Buff is April 21 at 10 a.m.** and we are also going to put out name tags the same day. (Rain date is April 22 at 10 am)

**AHS Convention** in Nashville, TN on June 13-16

**MRHS Convention** in Rochester, MN on July 12-14.

(Registration Forms in February Newsletter)

**March 11 Meeting:** Don has Vera Blevins coming to speak about "Bats in the Heartland". (Children and grandchildren may find this enjoyable. Please bring them along.)

JUST A NOTE: Our February potluck was a success. Everyone enjoyed the "Hosta Bingo". Many thanks to Franc Freeman for his donations of three hostas and to Sally Stewart for her hosta leaf casting . Hope to see many more attend our March meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by: Mary Johannsen, Secretary

**AHS DUES:** The American Hosta Society offers participation in all national activities, including a convention, 3 issues of "The Hosta Journal", and a directory. They also have a web page - [www.hosta.org](http://www.hosta.org). Dues are \$30/yr, \$57/2 yrs and \$600 life for an individual. Family memberships are also available at \$34/yr and \$62/2 yrs. Make your check to AHS and send to the Membership Secretary, Sandie Markland, P O Box 7539, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

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Midwest Regional Hosta Society Dues are \$10/yr. Send your check to: Barbara Schroeder, 1819 Coventry Dr., Champaign, IL 61822-5239.

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Mississippi Valley Hosta Society  
909 Mississippi Blvd.  
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722

**WHAT'S HAPPENING:**

**Apr 21 - Fluff & Buff, VanderVeer, 10 am**  
**May 6 - Hosta Dig, VanderVeer, 1 pm**  
**Jun 13-16 - AHS Convention, Nashville, TN**

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Visit our MVHS Web Site: **mvhosta.org**
Other hosta and garden web sites:
American Hosta Society - <http://www.hosta.org>
Midwest Hosta Society - <http://www.midwesthostasociety.org>
Hosta Library - <http://www.hostalibrary.org>
Hosta Forum - questions/answers - <http://forums.gardenweb.com/forums/hosta>
Mini Hosta Forum - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/minihosta>

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**LET US KNOW!!! IF YOU HAVE MOVED or HAS YOUR EMAIL CHANGED?**  
**Send your corrected info to JIM CATO, 12915-25th ST. CT., MILAN, IL 61264.**  
**Jim's email is [pussbug@aol.com](mailto:pussbug@aol.com).**